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WASHINGTON, D.C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

February 25, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL ELMO R. ZUMWALT, JR.

SUBJECT: Bailment of NRO Assets to Navy

REFERENCE: Your Memorandum of 18 January 1972

We agree that certain NRO assets could well be used by the Navy in the ocean surveillance area. Specifically, we agree to turn over to the Navy one of the remaining [redacted] for which we have no current need.

With regard to the U-2, we can make a U-2C aircraft available if you decide that one could be of use to you. Since there are other users who desire to take over and operate these U-2C assets, we would like to know within a reasonable time if you have such an interest. With respect to the U-2R, as you know these are very scarce assets. We have been trying to free up a U-2R by having one mission transferred to another capability. It is too soon to know if this effort will be successful. As you also know, one [redacted] that this aircraft can be used by you for 60 days beginning August 15, 1972. If we are successful in freeing up a U-2R, this period could be extended, but as of today, we cannot commit to this extension.

We hope the proposed arrangement will meet your needs.

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